

PATENT CLAIMS

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1. A lining for columns of automobiles, comprising a base area (1) with fixing and holding elements (4) and at least one opening area (2), covering an airbag (3), for example, characterized in that the opening area (2) largely consists of a thermoplastic material with a Shore A hardness greater than 100, and has a hinge area (6) adjoining the base area (1) and consisting of a thermoplastic material with a Shore A hardness of less than 95.

~~2. The lining as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the opening area (2) is further bounded by intended fracture lines, wall thickness reductions (7), etc adjoining the hinge area (6).~~

3. The lining as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the hinge area (6) consists of a thermoplastic material with a Shore A hardness between 30 and 95, preferably between 60 and 80.

4. The lining as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the base area (1) and the opening area (2), together with the hinge area (6), are covered by a unified decorative layer (8).

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